

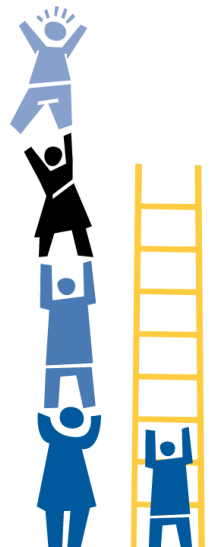


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The refugeeecrisis 2015

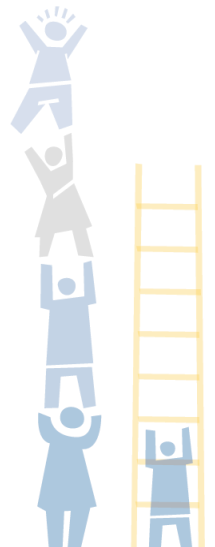
*Refugees - A problem or a resource
for Europe and Sweden?*

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Presentation

- Migrant or refugee
- Facts about refugees
- Situation in Europe and Sweden
- Asylum claims in Sweden
- The Swedish Civil Protection Association
- Voluntary Resource Groups
- Questions



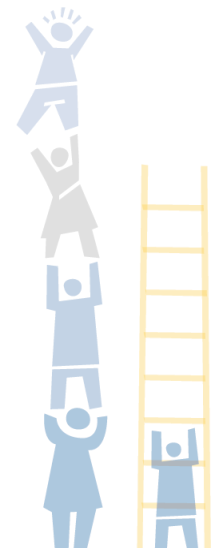
Migrant or refugee

- A migrant: A person who voluntarily moves from a place to another for work-, studies or family reasons etc.
- A refugee: A person who is forced to move for some reason, for example war, prosecution, etc.
The 1951 Refugee Convention spells out that a refugee is someone who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."



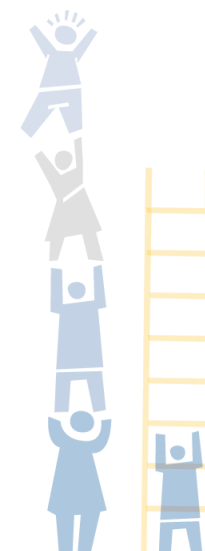
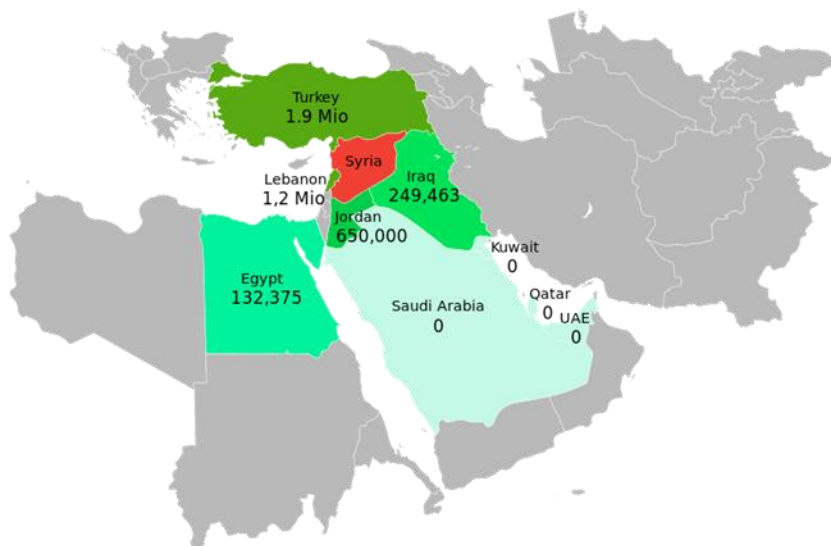
2 500 childrenrefugees arrive in Sweden every week (october 2015)

- Picture from the exhibition "Där barnen sover" (Where the children sleep) by Magnus Wennmann. Fotografiska Museet, Stockholm, Sweden.



Some facts about refugees

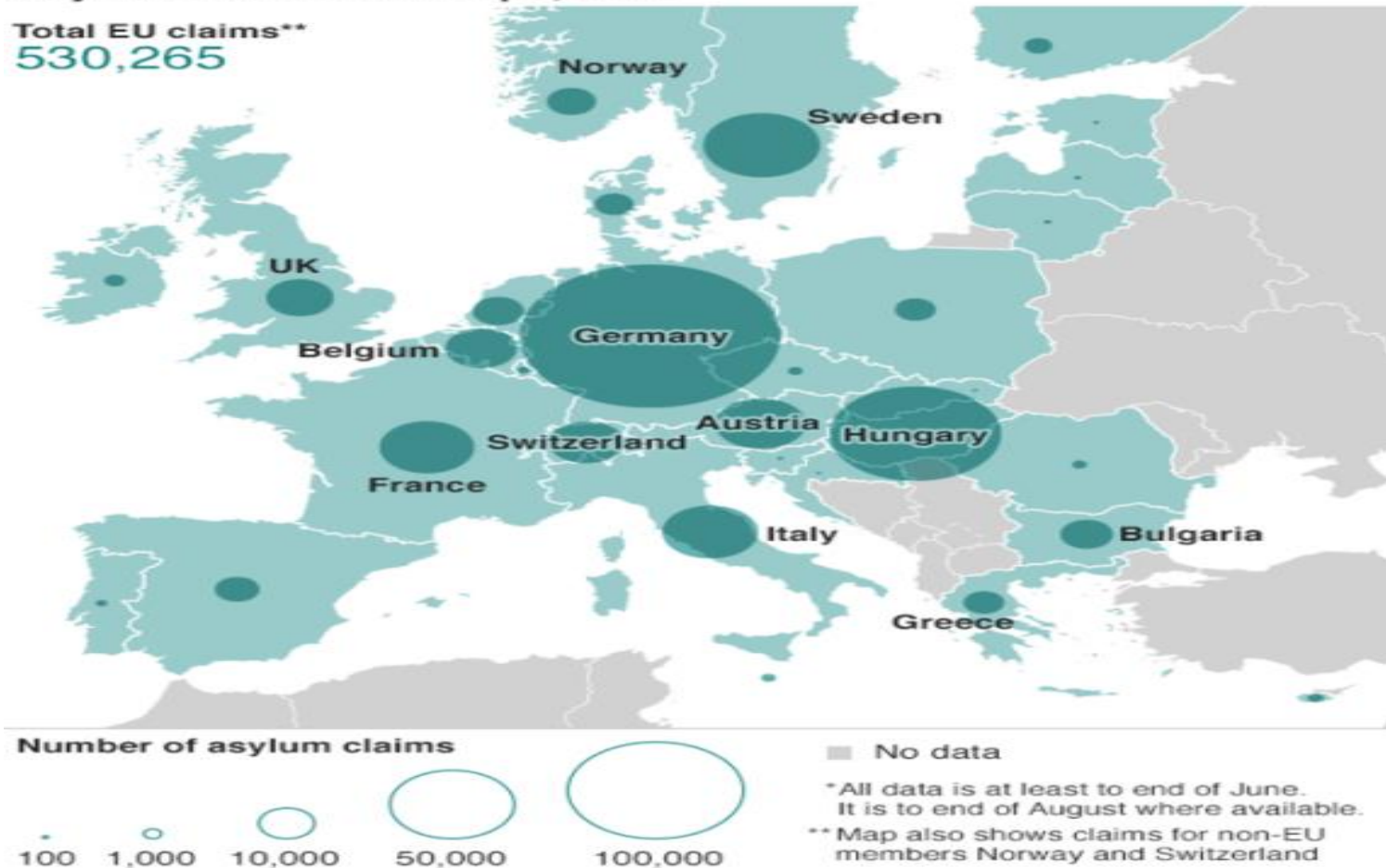
- Syrian refugees in the nearby region



Asylum claims in Europe

Asylum claims in Europe, 2015*

Total EU claims**
530,265



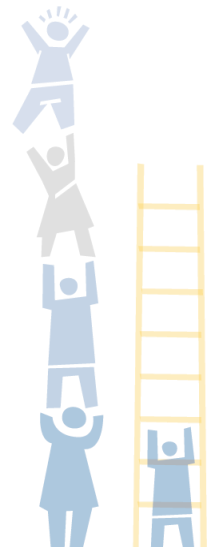
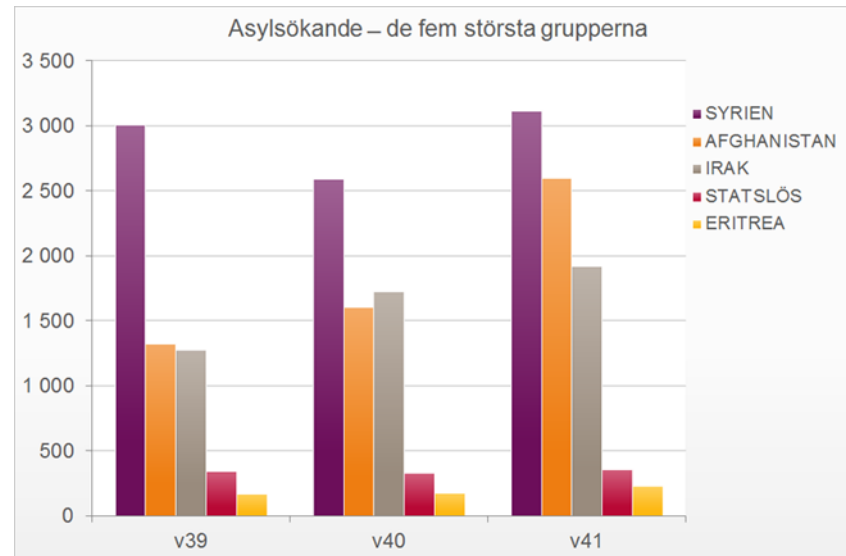
Source: Eurostat

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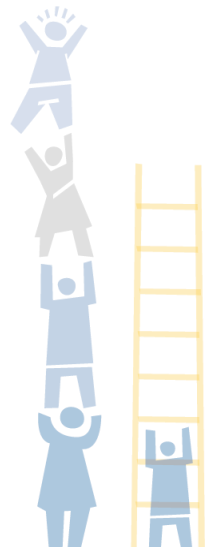
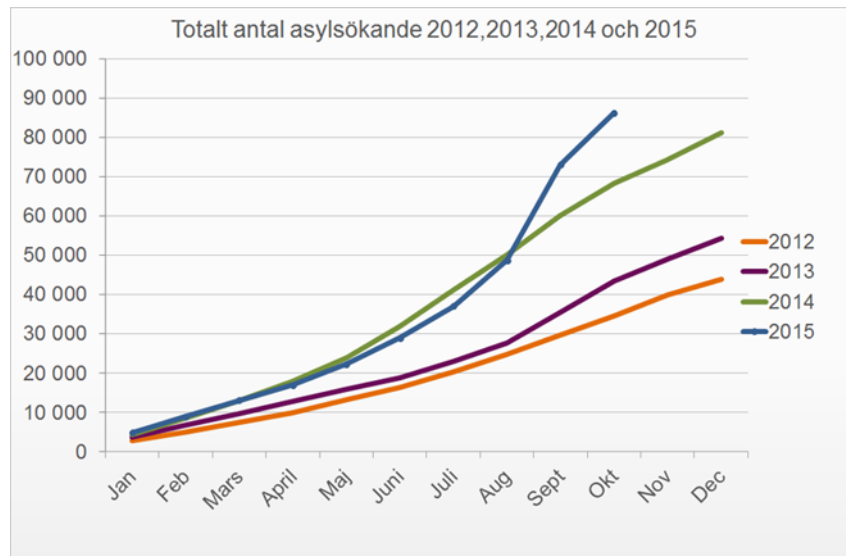
Facts on asylum claims, Sweden

- The largest groups (weekly basis)

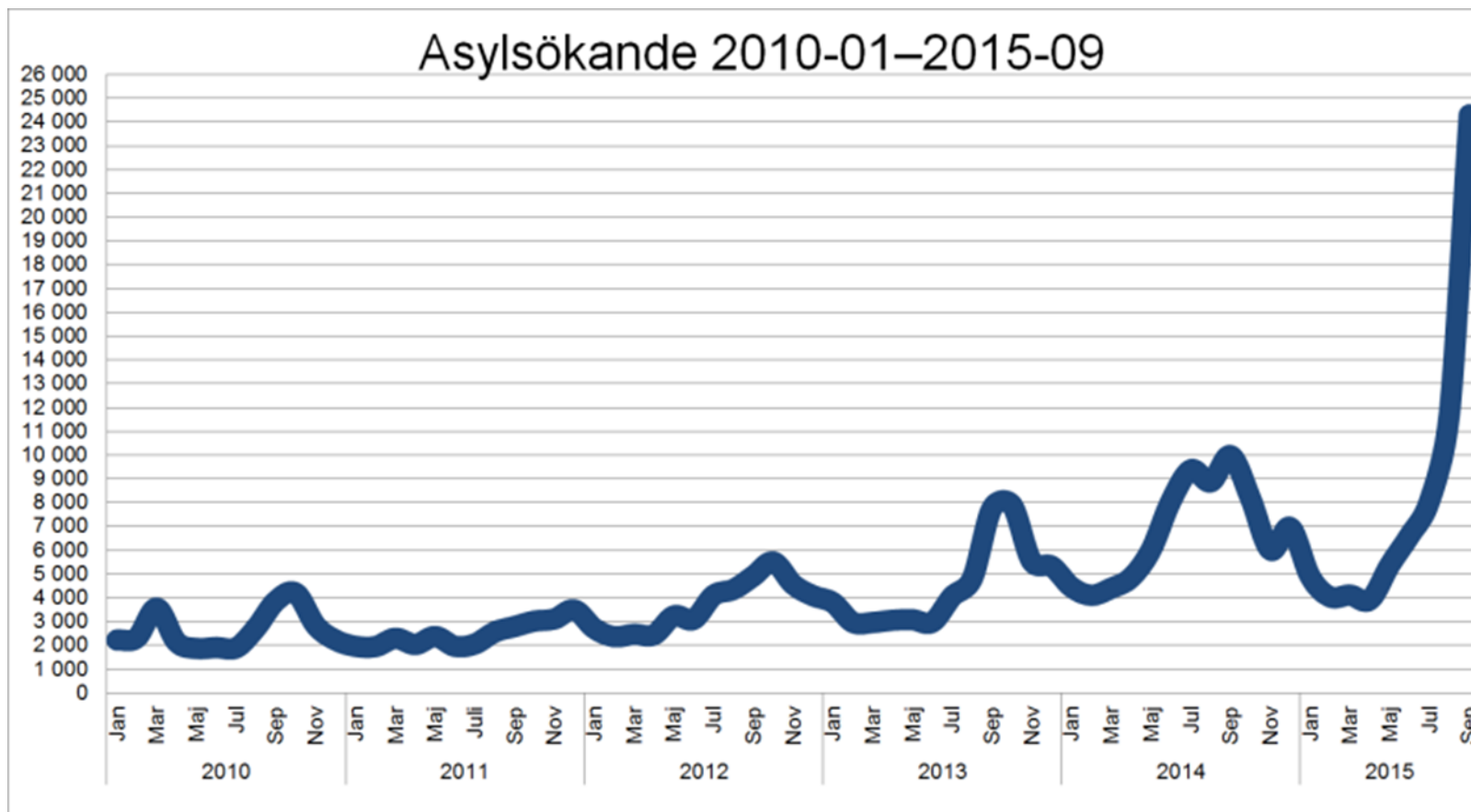


Facts on asylum in Sweden

- Asylum applications per month 2012-2015



Asylumapplications Sweden



The Swedish Civil Protection Association

- Civil Protection Association – is a non profit, voluntary organisation to protect and provide aid both on a daily basis and during emergencies.
- The citizens are the basis of safety and security in society. Civil Protection Association organizes and trains a risk-conscious, committed and responsible citizen.
- We are a voluntary defense with a focus on safety for everyday use and during crises in society, with approx. 20 000 members in 190 local branches and 22 regions.
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Activities

- Efforts for a safer society at both normal and crisis.
- Information for citizens.
- Audience Custom Courses how one prevents, prepares and manages the exposed locations.
- Courses in first aid, CPR, crisis support and Blackout.
- Information about and placement of defibrillators outside of medical care for a heart safer Sweden.
- Educates, organizes and develops voluntary reinforcement resources: Voluntary Resource Groups, emergency teams, tracking groups.
- Civil Protection Association serves as a recruitment base for "public safety functions" and the armed forces.

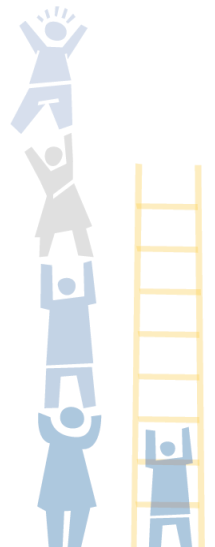


How we help during crisis

- Through voluntary resource groups

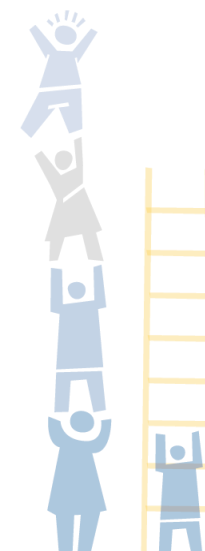
The voluntary resource group is to be available to the municipality when the ordinary resources need to be reinforced in exposed locations or at other needs. Voluntary resources are called in at the request of the municipal management when something extraordinary happens for example to help with evacuations, information, administrative and other practical information.

- Other ways: voluntary work related to integration in our associations; arranging meetingplaces for migrants/refugees; collecting money or clothes/food for migrants/refugees



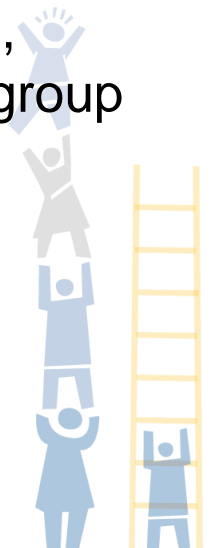


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Voluntary resource groups

- Even charitable assistance to victims is a key task for a voluntary resource group member. By municipality may the resource group, if necessary, be used as a reinforcement resource for county councils and central government.
- A voluntary resource group is composed of individuals from various NGOs. They have been recruited for their experience, training and personal abilities to cope with the tasks that the group may face.
- We have approx. 3 500 trained and educated people in our voluntary resource groups in Sweden



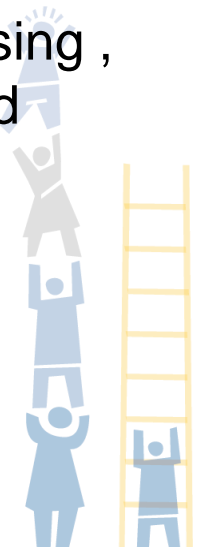
Voluntary resources



Voluntary resource groups in work

Engaged in refugeewelcoming throughout Sweden, some examples:

- Gothenburg: crisissupport, fireguard, fooddistribution, administration, registration of refugees
- Malmöarea: Voluntary resource groups helping municipalities with refugeechildren arriving alone
- Stockholmarea: Several municipalities preparing emergency housing and voluntary resources are called in to prepare housing , voluntary resourcegroups helping volunteers with logistics and coordination of action etc.
- Jönköping: Voluntary resource groups helping with refugeechildren arriving alone

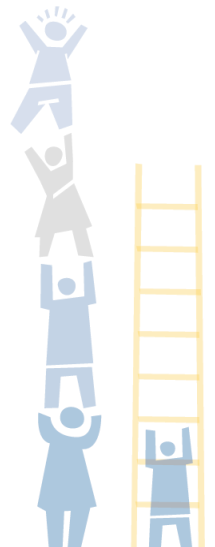


Voluntary resources helping



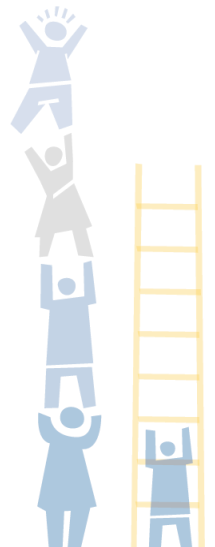
In this moment

- We are asked by the authorities to find regional coordinators among our volunteers. Their work will be on a longterm.



Questions

- How many refugees can Sweden cope with?
The Swedish Migration agency expects 150 000 refugees by the end of 2015.
- Are refugees a resource or a problem?
- What role should the civil society play in the reception of refugees?



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